

## Supporting Information for:

# Revisiting the carbonyl $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ electronic excitation through topological eyes: expanding, enriching and enhancing the chemical language using electron number distribution functions and domain averaged Fermi holes

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### Partition into $\Omega = \Omega_C \cup \Omega_H$ and $\Omega' = \Omega_O \cup \Omega_{H'}$

In this section, we show the decomposition of the EDF vector associated to the partition of formaldehyde into  $\Omega_C \cup \Omega_H$  and its complement. Data correspond to the ground state (Table 1) and to the triplet  $T_1$  state (Table 2), both described at a monodeterminantal level.

**Table 1.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_C \cup \Omega_H$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $S_0$  state (HF/cc-pVTZ). Each  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector presents a null  $f$  parameter and, consequently, only its  $q$  value is shown, together with the corresponding  $\delta(\Omega, \Omega')$ .

DNO	$q_i$	$\delta_i(\Omega, \Omega')$
$1s_O$	-1.0000	0.0000
$1s_C$	0.9981	0.0038
$2s_O$	-0.9990	0.0020
$\sigma_{CH}$	0.9366	0.1227
$\sigma_{CH'}$	0.0036	1.0000
$\sigma_{CO}$	-0.6782	0.5400
$\pi_{CO}$	-0.5813	0.6621
$lp_O$	-0.9467	0.1038

**Table 2.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_C \cup \Omega_H$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $T_1$  state (ROHF/cc-pVTZ). For each of these  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector, the triad ( $q, f, \delta$ ) is shown.

$\mathbf{p}_2^{ij} = \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_i) \otimes \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_j)$	$(n_i^\Omega, n_j^\Omega)$	$q_{ij}$	$f_{ij}$	$\delta_{ij}(\Omega, \Omega')$
$[1s_O]^\alpha \otimes [1s_O]^\beta$	(0.0000, 0.0000)	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$[1s_C]^\alpha \otimes [1s_C]^\beta$	(0.9990, 0.9990)	0.9980	0.0000	0.0040
$[2s_O]^\alpha \otimes [2s_O]^\beta$	(0.0007, 0.0007)	-0.9987	0.0000	0.0027
$[\sigma_{CH}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CH}]^\beta$	(0.9705, 0.9340)	0.9045	0.0073	0.1806
$[\sigma_{CO}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CO}]^\beta$	(0.1562, 0.1561)	-0.6878	0.0000	0.5270
$[\sigma_{CH'}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CH'}]^\beta$	(0.5282, 0.5095)	0.0377	0.0003	0.9982
$[lp_O^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [lp_O]^\alpha$	(0.0147, 0.0214)	-0.9639	0.0006	0.0709
$[lp_C^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [\pi_{CO}]^\beta$	(0.8551, 0.1221)	-0.0229	0.5376	0.4622

**Partition into  $\Omega = \Omega_C \cup \Omega_O$  and  $\Omega' = \Omega_H \cup \Omega_{H'}$**

In this section, we consider the partition into  $\Omega_C \cup \Omega_O$  and its complement (Tables 3 and 4).

**Table 3.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_C \cup \Omega_O$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $S_0$  state (HF/cc-pVTZ). Each  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector presents a null  $f$  parameter and, consequently, only its  $q$  value is shown, together with the corresponding  $\delta(\Omega, \Omega')$ .

DNO	$q_i$	$\delta_i(\Omega, \Omega')$
$1s_O$	1.0000	0.0000
$1s_C$	1.0000	0.0000
$2s_O$	0.9998	0.0004
$\sigma_{CH_2}(a1)$	0.2043	0.9583
$\sigma_{CH_2}(b2)$	-0.1369	0.9813
$\sigma_{CO}$	0.9925	0.0150
$\pi_{CO}$	0.9718	0.0556
$lp_O$	0.9874	0.0249

**Table 4.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_C \cup \Omega_O$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $T_1$  state (ROHF/cc-pVTZ). For each of these  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector, the triad  $(q, f, \delta)$  is shown.

$\mathbf{p}_2^{ij} = \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_i) \otimes \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_j)$	$(n_i^\Omega, n_j^\Omega)$	$q_{ij}$	$f_{ij}$	$\delta_{ij}(\Omega, \Omega')$
$[1s_O]^\alpha \otimes [1s_O]^\beta$	( 1.0000 , 1.0000 )	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$[1s_C]^\alpha \otimes [1s_C]^\beta$	( 1.0000 , 1.0000 )	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$[2s_O]^\alpha \otimes [2s_O]^\beta$	( 0.9999 , 0.9999 )	0.9999	0.0000	0.0003
$[\sigma_{CH_2}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CH_2}]^\beta(a_1)$	( 0.6170 , 0.6170 )	0.2340	0.0000	0.9453
$[\sigma_{CO}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CO}]^\beta$	( 0.9973 , 0.9973 )	0.9945	0.0000	0.0109
$[\sigma_{CH_2}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CH_2} + \kappa \cdot lp_O]^\beta(b_2)$	( 0.4727 , 0.5623 )	0.0350	0.0080	0.9907
$[lp_O^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [lp_O]^\alpha$	( 0.9996 , 0.9968 )	0.9964	0.0011	0.0071
$[lp_C^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [\pi_{CO}]^\beta$	( 0.9215 , 0.9960 )	0.9174	0.0351	0.1527

**Partition into  $\Omega = \Omega_O$  and  $\Omega' = \Omega_C \cup \Omega_H \cup \Omega_{H'}$**

In this section, we consider the partition into  $\Omega_O$  and its complement (Tables 5 and 6).

**Table 5.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_O$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $S_0$  state (HF/cc-pVTZ). Each  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector presents a null  $f$  parameter and, consequently, only its  $q$  value is shown, together with the corresponding  $\delta(\Omega, \Omega')$ .

DNO	$q_i$	$\delta_i(\Omega, \Omega')$
$1s_O$	1.0000	0.0000
$1s_C$	-0.9981	0.0037
$2s_O$	0.9988	0.0025
$\sigma_{CH_2}(a1)$	-0.9662	0.0665
$\sigma_{CH_2}(b2)$	-0.9183	0.1568
$\sigma_{CO}$	0.6678	0.5541
$\pi_{CO}$	0.5672	0.6783
$lp_O$	0.9251	0.1442

**Table 6.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_O$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $T_1$  state (ROHF/cc-pVTZ). For each of these  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector, the triad ( $q, f, \delta$ ) is shown.

$\mathbf{p}_2^{ij} = \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_i) \otimes \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_j)$	$(n_i^\Omega, n_j^\Omega)$	$q_{ij}$	$f_{ij}$	$\delta_{ij}(\Omega, \Omega')$
$[1s_O]^\alpha \otimes [1s_O]^\beta$	( 1.0000 , 1.0000 )	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$[1s_C]^\alpha \otimes [1s_C]^\beta$	( 0.0010 , 0.0010 )	-0.9981	0.0000	0.0039
$[2s_O]^\alpha \otimes [2s_O]^\beta$	( 0.9992 , 0.9992 )	0.9985	0.0000	0.0030
$[\sigma_{CH_2}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CH_2}]^\beta (a_1)$	( 0.0134 , 0.0134 )	-0.9732	0.0000	0.0528
$[\sigma_{CO}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CO}]^\beta$	( 0.8385 , 0.8385 )	0.6770	0.0000	0.5416
$[\sigma_{CH_2}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CH_2} + \kappa \cdot lp_O]^\beta (b_2)$	( 0.0422 , 0.1369 )	-0.8209	0.0275	0.3171
$[lp_O^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [lp_O]^\alpha$	( 0.9843 , 0.9717 )	0.9560	0.0019	0.0860
$[lp_C^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [\pi_{CO}]^\beta$	( 0.1065 , 0.8759 )	-0.0176	0.5923	0.4076

**Partition into  $\Omega = \Omega_{H'}$  and  $\Omega' = \Omega_O \cup \Omega_C \cup \Omega_H$**

In this section, we consider the partition into  $\Omega_{H'}$  and its complement (Tables 7 and 8). Orbitals described by ‘–’ are basically defined within  $\Omega'$ , but they are not identified with single bonds or lone pairs.

**Table 7.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_{H'}$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $S_0$  state (HF/cc-pVTZ). Each  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector presents a null  $f$  parameter and, consequently, only its  $q$  value is shown, together with the corresponding  $\delta(\Omega, \Omega')$ .

DNO	$q_i$	$\delta_i(\Omega, \Omega')$
$1s_O$	-1.0000	0.0000
$1s_C$	-1.0000	0.0000
$2s_O$	-0.9999	0.0001
–	-0.9872	0.0254
–	-0.9996	0.0007
$\sigma_{CH'}$	-0.0445	0.9980
–	-0.9923	0.0154
$\pi_{CO}$	-0.9859	0.0280

**Table 8.** Decomposition of the  $\mathbf{p}_{16}$  EDF vector (with  $\Omega = \Omega_{H'}$ ) into (2c,2e) links for the  $T_1$  state (ROHF/cc-pVTZ). For each of these  $\mathbf{p}_2$  vector, the triad ( $q, f, \delta$ ) is shown.

$\mathbf{p}_2^{ij} = \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_i) \otimes \mathbf{p}_1(\phi_j)$	$(n_i^\Omega, n_j^\Omega)$	$q_{ij}$	$f_{ij}$	$\delta_{ij}(\Omega, \Omega')$
$[1s_O]^\alpha \otimes [1s_O]^\beta$	( 0.0000 , 0.0000 )	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$[1s_C]^\alpha \otimes [1s_C]^\beta$	( 0.0000 , 0.0000 )	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$[2s_O]^\alpha \otimes [2s_O]^\beta$	( 0.0000 , 0.0000 )	-1.0000	0.0000	0.0001
$[-]^\alpha \otimes [-]^\beta$	( 0.0054 , 0.0054 )	-0.9892	0.0000	0.0215
$[-]^\alpha \otimes [-]^\beta$	( 0.0002 , 0.0008 )	-0.9990	0.0002	0.0019
$[\sigma_{CH'}]^\alpha \otimes [\sigma_{CH'}]^\beta$	( 0.4505 , 0.4055 )	-0.1440	0.0021	0.9772
$[lp_O^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [-]^\alpha$	( 0.0002 , 0.0021 )	-0.9977	0.0008	0.0046
$[lp_C^\pi]^\alpha \otimes [\pi_{CO}]^\beta$	( 0.0393 , 0.0020 )	-0.9587	0.0172	0.0795